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SUBJ CSCE STAGE II HIGHLIGHTS-JAN 14-18

1. SUMMARY. CSCE RECONVENED JANUARY 15 FOLLOWING FOUR-WEEK RECESS. CONFERENCE IS NOW GENERALLY ENTERING DRAFTING STAGE, BUT UNDER FLEXIBLE ARRANGEMENTS AGREED IN DECEMBER SUBCOMMITTEES DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHEN TO
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BEGIN DRAFTING. ONLY ECONOMICS, SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY AND

ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEES TOOK THIS DECISION IMMEDIATELY, ALTHOUGH AT WEEK'S END INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE HAD ALSO DONE SO. IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY ASPECTS, US PRESENTED AMPLIFIED POSITION ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS. ELSEWHERE, IN ABSENCE OF ANY DRAMATIC NEW SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS, CORRIDOR STRUGGLES HAVE REVERTED TO PROCEDURAL ISSUES, PRIMARILY HOW TO ORGANIZE DRAFTING. END SUMMARY.

2. PRINCIPLES AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION--SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES DISCUSSED PREAMBLE AND FINAL CLAUSES OF DECLARATION, WITH DRAFTING EXPECTED TO BEGIN AROUND JANUARY 28. SOVIETS CONTINUED TO CHARACTERIZE DECLARATION AS THE "MAIN POLITICAL DOCUMENT" OR "BASIC DOCUMENT" OF THE CONFERENCE. IN SPECIAL WORKING BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES, GENERAL DEBATE ON SWISS PROPOSAL FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES IS PROCEEDING. SWISS ARE UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BRIEF NEW PAPER ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE HAVE NO DETAILS, BUT UNDERSTAND IT PRESERVES COMPULSORY JURISDICTION FEATURE WHICH MAKES IT UNACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS AND OTHERS.

3. MILITARY ASPECTS -- THIS SUBCOMMITTEE CONTINUED ITS GENERAL DEBATE. US AMPLIFIED ITS POSITION ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS, DRAWING ON GUIDANCE APPROVED DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK. NATO CAUCUS WELCOMED THIS CONTRIBUTION BUT CONTINUED ITS DIFFICULT DISCUSSION OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS. US REPEATED LOGIC FOR EXCLUDING MOVEMENTS, AND DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON TACTICS TO BE FOLLOWED TO MINIMIZE EFFECTS OF ALLIED SPLIT ON THIS ISSUE.

4. ECONOMICS, SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY, AND ENVIRONMENT--ALL SUBCOMMITTEES IN THIS ARE AGREED FORMALLY THAT THEY HAD ENTERED THE DRAFTING STAGE. NO DRAFTING HAS YET BEEN DONE, HOWEVER, AND SPONSORING WESTERN COUNTRIES INDICATED THEIR DRAFT FINAL RESOLUTIONS WOULD BE TABLED NEXT WEEK.

5. HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION--IN CAUCUS JANUARY 14, NATO GROUP AGREED TO TABLE REMAINING DRAFTS OF FINAL RESOLUTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO PROCEED TO DRAFTING WITHOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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UNNECESSARY DELAY. AT WEEK'S END, INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE COMPLETED DISCUSSION PHASE AND WILL NOW WORK OUT DRAFTING PROCEDURES. OTHER THREE SUBCOMMITTEES IN THIS AREA ARE EXPECTED TO DO THE SAME NEXT WEEK. IN FULL COMMITTEE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO INSIST ON EARLY DISCUSSION OF PREAMBULAR CAVEATS. EC-NINE AND NATO CAUCUS ARE TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM.

6. COMMENT. DELEGATES RETURNED TO GENEVA JANUARY 14 TO FIND NOTHING MUCH CHANGED IN CSCE. THE OLD ISSUES, DISPUTES AND QUESTIONS ARE STILL WITH US, THERE HAVE BEEN NO DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGHS, AND IF ANYONE HAS ANY RADICALLY NEW INSTRUCTIONS, HE IS SAVING THEM FOR LATER. AS THEY HAVE SINCE THE FIRST DAYS OF MPT IN HELSINKI, CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON PROVISION FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE IN FRONTIERS, CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES, THIRD BASKET PREAMBLE, AND FOLLOW-ON. INFORMAL CONTACTS INDICATED WIDESPREAD ACCEPTANCE THAT SECOND STAGE MAY LAST UNTIL END OF MAY, WITH THIRD STAGE IN FIRST WEEK OF JULY. WITH FEWER FORMAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED, ROUND OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HAS INTENSIFIED, BUT NO ONE REALLY EXPECTS SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS, OR COMPROMISES, UNTIL THE MARATHON IS NEAR ITS END. END COMMENT.BASSIN

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